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PREVIOUSLY IN *SPAWN*

In Hell Hunt part 1 - Spawn (Al Simmons) carries on his pursuit to eradicate the evil that treats the world as it's playground, simultaneously gaining recognition as a "vigilante" by the press. While in a weakened state he fights to free victims of a demon run human trafficking ring. The demons try to use the lack of Spawn's powers against him while putting up a fight. With only his military training and a healthy expenditure of ammunition at his exposal, Al finds himself short of winning the bloody battle. As he is about to fall victim to his demonic prey, the creature is extinguished in a brutal fashion, by one Jessica Priest. She's looking for answers that only Al can give to her mysterious reception of Hell-spawn powers, and who is the larger than life ultra-demon that seemingly stripped them from her as easily as they were granted.

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SPAWN KNOWS WHO PRIEST WAS. HE UNDERSTANDS SHE ONCE ALIGNED HERSELF WITH HIS OWN GOALS AND THAT SHE FOUGHT ON HIS SIDE. THAT WAS YEARS AGO.
SINCE THEN, HE'S SEEN MORE **BETRAYALS** OF FORMER ALLIES THAN HE CAN COUNT. HE'S ALSO SEEN ENEMIES CLOAK THEMSELVES IN THE GUISE OF OTHERS.
SO, HIS FIRST INSTINCTS ARE TO 'ACT FIRST. ASK QUESTIONS LATER.'
OR, TO PUT IT MORE SIMPLY, HE HAS A NEW RULE...
TRUST NO ONE!
CONSIDER EVERYONE A POTENTIAL ENEMY UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE.
AND THOUGH HE HAS TO BATTLE TRYING TO USE AS LITTLE OF HIS POWERS AS POSSIBLE, **HE'S STILL** A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

AL, IT'S ME! JESSICA, GOD DAMN IT! WHAT'S *WRONG?!* WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

BECAUSE THEY KILLED HER! SHE'S DEAD!

WHO'S DEAD?

NYX! THEY KILLED NYX! AND THINGS ARE HAPPENING. THINGS YOU CAN'T CONTROL!

PROVE IT.

LOOK! SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME!

HE LOOSENS HIS CHAINS.
YOUR EYES. HOW'D YOU DO THAT?
I DON'T KNOW!
THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT!
SHE PULLS HER GUN. HE PULLS HIS.
TUNK
SO, DO YOU WANT TO TALK, OR DO WE KEEP DANCING?

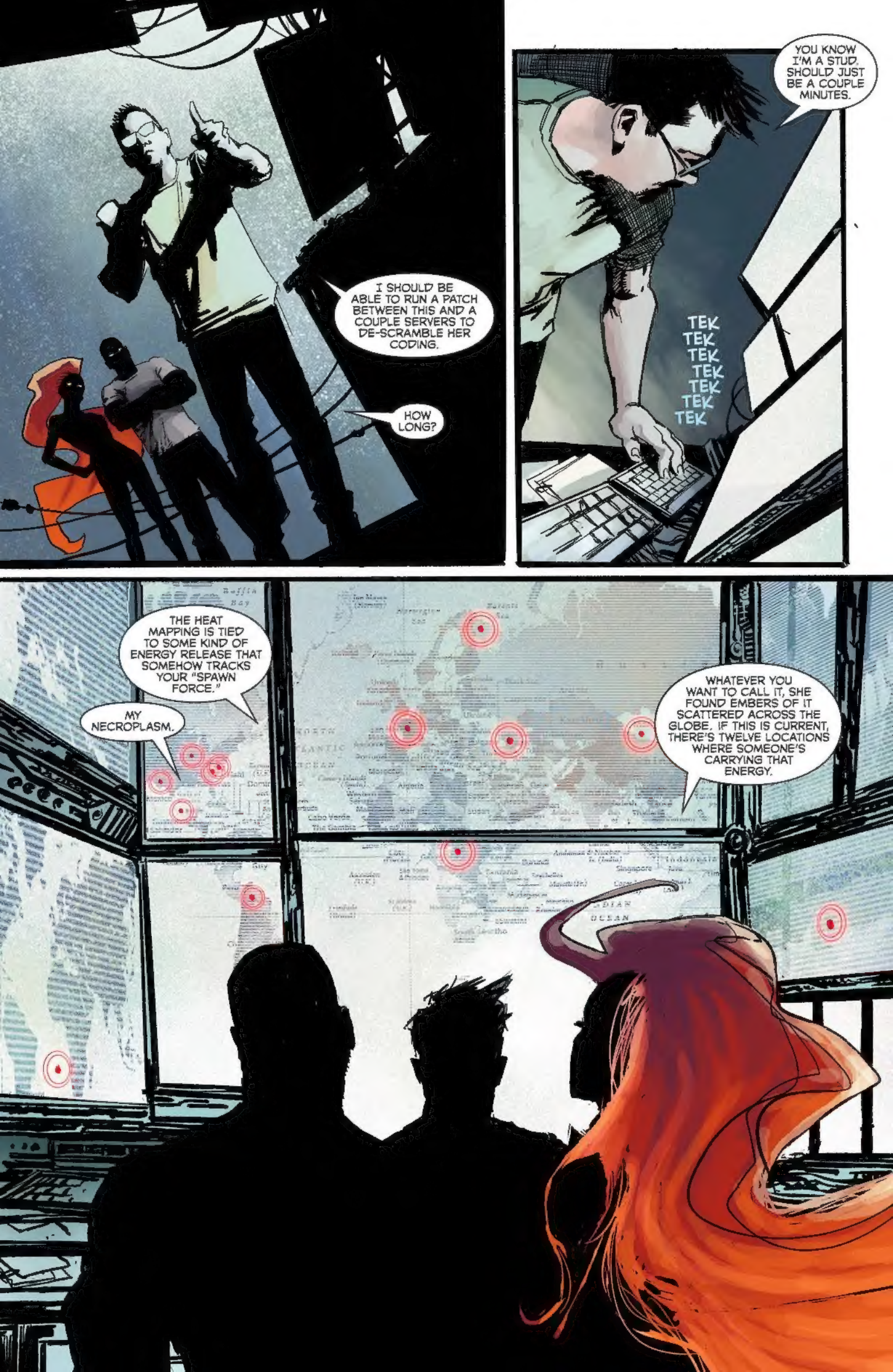
YOUR CHOICE.
CLICK
CLICK
SHE'S NOT AFRAID. HE NEEDS TO FIND OUT WHY.
WISE MOVE.
SO, HERE'S THE DEAL. NYX WAS DOING RESEARCH ON YOU, AFTER SEEING YOU ON TV, WHEN A BUNCH OF CRAZY SHIT STARTED HAPPENING. SHE WANTED TO FIND OUT WHO SOME OF THE "SHADOW PLAYERS" WERE, AND WHY THEY ALL STARTED ACTING SCARED.

SHE CALLED ME IN A PANIC. SAID SHE'D FOUND SOMETHING AND TO GET THERE FAST. I TRIED, BUT COULDN'T REACH HER IN TIME BEFORE THEY GOT TO HER. THEY TORE HER APART!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! SAY SOMETHING!
SHE GETS NOTHING.
LOOK AT YOU, YOU'RE PATHETIC! WHAT IS IT? EVERYONE'S YOUR ENEMY NOW! OR YOU JUST DON'T CARE ANYMORE? WHY WERE THEY AFTER HER? WHY?! WHAT DID YOU DO? THEY NEEDED SOMETHING FROM HER! WHAT WAS IT? HER POWERS? WELL, I'VE GOT THEM NOW BUT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE. LOOK! I TOOK HER PHONE! LOOK AT THIS MAP!
GRYZZL
NOT HERE.
WE CAN'T DO THIS HERE.
CALMLY, HE WALKS HER INTO THE SHADOWS.

AT SPAWN'S HIDDEN FACILITY, THE SLIGHTEST NOISE SETS OF FRAYED NERVES.
AL?
BEHIND YOU!
IT'S OKAY, MARC, SHE'S WITH ME.
ARE YOU INSANE? YOU SAID YOU'D NEVER DO THIS. YOU'D NEVER BREACH THIS PLACE WITH OTHERS. REMEMBER? YOU SAID IF ONE COULD COME, THEY'D ALL COME AND WE'D NEVER BE SAFE AGAIN.
YOU'RE RIGHT, I DID. BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT.
DIFFERENT?! WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?
SHOW HIM.

I DON'T HAVE A SISTER.
I DIDN'T MEAN LITERALLY. I...FORGET IT! WHAT'RE WE DOING HERE?
SHE HAS SOMETHING I NEED YOU TO DECIPHER.
OKAY! SO...NOW WHAT? THIS IS YOUR SISTER OR SOMETHING?

IS IT ENCRYPTED?
DON'T KNOW. WE WERE HOPING YOU'D TELL US. BECAUSE THE OWNER DIED OVER WHATEVER MAY BE ON THERE.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE SECURITY FIREWALL HAS BEEN REVERSED CODED SO THAT WHATEVER WAS TRANSFERRED TO THIS, GOT ERASED ON THE ORIGINAL HARD DRIVE IT CAME FROM. SO, IF I'M RIGHT, THEN THIS IS THE ONLY RECORD OF WHATEVER INFORMATION EXISTED.


I SHOULD BE ABLE TO RUN A PATCH BETWEEN THIS AND A COUPLE SERVERS TO DE-SCRAMBLE HER CODING.
HOW LONG?
YOU KNOW I'M A STUD. SHOULD JUST BE A COUPLE MINUTES.
TEK TEK TEK TEK TEK TEK TEK
THE HEAT MAPPING IS TIED TO SOME KIND OF ENERGY RELEASE THAT SOMEHOW TRACKS YOUR "SPAWN FORCE."
MY NECROPLASM.
WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, SHE FOUND EMBERS OF IT SCATTERED ACROSS THE GLOBE. IF THIS IS CURRENT, THERE'S TWELVE LOCATIONS WHERE SOMEONE'S CARRYING THAT ENERGY.

I KEEP TELLING YOU, A RIFT WAS OPENED WHEN YOU KILLED CLOWN AND GODSEND*
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT I DID?
I DON'T KNOW, I JUST DO
TWELVE? I ONLY HID IT IN FIVE OF THEM
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?
YEARS AGO, AS A PRECAUTION, I BURIED A SLIVER OF MY SYMBIOTE IN FIVE PEOPLE. IN CASE I EVER DIED THERE NEEDED TO BE A BACK-UP PLAN. BUT IT WAS ONLY FIVE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER, WHAT I CAN'T DETERMINE IS WHETHER THOSE TWELVE CARRIERS WANT TO HELP YOU OR KILL YOU.
*Issue 301 - Todd
SHE WAS ONE OF THEM, WASN'T SHE? YOU PUT ONE OF YOUR PIECES IN NYX, DIDN'T YOU? I BET SHE DIDN'T KNOW DID SHE? WHAT'D YOU DO, JUST SHOVE IT IN HER WITHOUT GIVING HER A CHOICE?
WHY?
I SAID WHY?! SO, YOU COULD HAVE YOUR BACK-UP PLAN?
THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR, THAT'S WHY THEY KILLED HER, ISN'T IT?

VATICAN CITY, THREE MONTHS EARLIER
YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ENVOY'S RECENT TRIP TO AMERICA?
DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE BACK.
THEY JUST GOT IN TWENTY MINUTES AGO. THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO CONVERT THEIR TARGET MARC ROSEN. SAID HE APPEARED SUSPICIOUS DURING OUR CONTACT WITH HIM, BUT SURVEILLANCE DIDN'T REPORT ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY. WE'RE STILL KEEPING TABS ON J.M DOWNING, THOUGH.
ANYTHING ELSE?
YAH, WE LOST AN AGENT WHILE THEY WERE OVER THERE.
LOST HIM HOW?
HE JUST DISAPPEARED. NOW EVERYONE'S PARANOID WHICH IS WHY THEY NEEDED TO SEND US HERE.
THE POPE EMAILED US HIS CONCERNS ABOUT HIS CAPTIVE
SO, LET'S TAKE US A PEEK.
SHUKK

BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY GAVE HIM HIS SUIT OF ARMOR. I THOUGHT THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT SOME SAID PSYCHIC POWERS

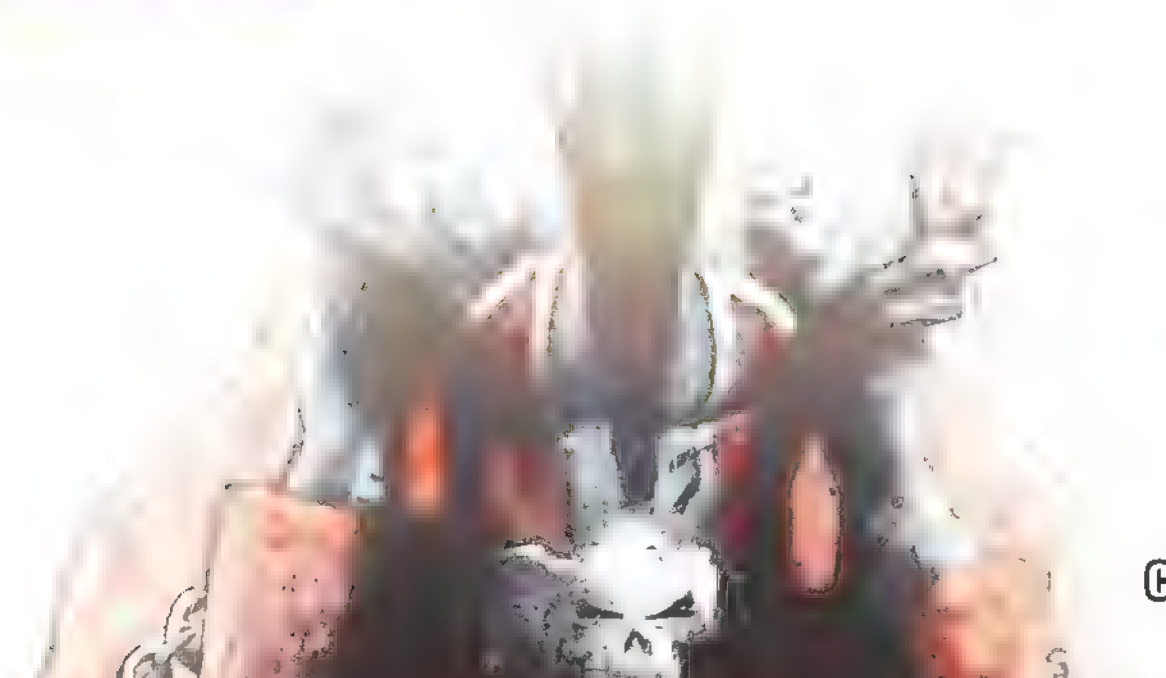
INSIDE THE PRISON CELL AN ENORMOUSLY SIZED MAN THRASHES ABOUT LIKE A CRAZED BANSHEE

THOOM

WE MADE THIS ARMOR AND IT SEEMED TO CALM HIM, UNTIL TODAY SOMETHING SEEMS TO HAVE TRIGGERED HIM

THOOM
THOOM
SHOULD WE NOTIFY ANYONE?
NOT YET. HE CAN BANG THAT DOOR 'T.. HE'S BLUE IN THE FACE. IT'LL HOLD.
BESIDES, THEY JUST INSTALLED THE SECONDARY SECURITY EQUIPMENT LET ME CHECK TO SEE IF IT'S UP AND RUNNING.
THIS IS AGENT WEHLMAN. DOES ANYONE ON YOUR END KNOW IF THE NEW GRID IS WORKING?
It is. The project was completed last week. The Albanian representatives signed off on it.
YOU THINK WE COULD DO A LITTLE REMOTE TEST? USE PASSWORD CODE A6122F9.
Confirming now.
Password accepted.
OPEN THE DOOR NOW
GO AHEAD, PRY OPEN THE DOOR.
WHAT?

OUR PRISONER WON'T DO ANYTHING. HE'S NEARLY PARALYZED.
WE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM ONE OF OUR PARTNERS. IT FOUND THAT WHATEVER THIS KNIGHT-N-SHINING ARMOR IS MADE OF
NATE GR



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KNOCK KNOCK
*See issue 299- Todd
COG, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! THANKS FOR COMING.
OF COURSE YOU SOUNDED .. UPSET. ARE YOU OKAY?
NOT REALLY, NO. NOT WITH WHAT I'VE BEEN F.NDING OJT. EVERYTH NG'S GOTTEN SO CRAZY.
PLEASE-- COME SIT DOWN
YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING, RIGHT? WELL, IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.

AND MY CONTACTS-- THEY'RE KILLING THEM ONE BY ONE. I THOUGHT THIS WAS JUST ABOUT SIMMONS AND HIS RETURN, BUT IT'S DEEPER THAN THAT. THE PATTERN I FOUND SPREADS EVERYWHERE. THIS IS GLOBAL. CORRUPTION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS. AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE USUAL STUFF. THIS IS SOME SYSTEMIC PLAN.
LIKE SOMEONE'S SETTING UP POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DOMINOS THAT COULD CAUSE MASS PANIC, ALLOWING THE POWER BROKERS SWOOP IN AND STEAL EVEN MORE POWER. I CAN'T EVEN TURN ON THIS DAMN COMPUTER ANYMORE
I'VE PRINTED SOME OF IT, BUT MOST IS BACKED UP IN A HIDDEN CLOUD
DO YOU KNOW WHY THIS IS HAPPENING?
CAN'T FIGURE THAT OUT. IT'S WHY I CALLED YOU
YOUR CONTACTS, DO YOU KNOW WHO KILLED THEM?
NOT YET. IT'S LIKE THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, THOUGH
HERE, READ THIS. AND THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG
ALL SCANS THE FILES
WHO ELSE HAVE YOU TOLD ABOUT THIS?
NO ONE
GOOD. THAT'S GOOD

THAT MAKES THIS SO MUCH EASIER TO DO!

BLAMM!

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SPAWNING GROUND

As part of this issue,

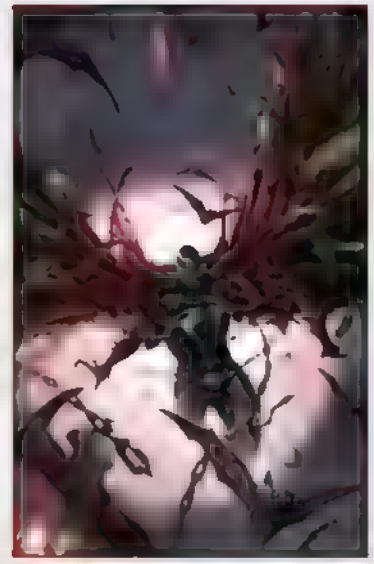
I'm reprinting my five page backstory from Spawn 302. A mistake was made on our part in conjunction with the printer, which made the pages look too dark. Because of that, you are unable to see the COOL detail I put into the art, so I wanted to reprint them here, to show you folks what they were supposed to look like. Also to the right I put part of the a black and white version of a page so you can see all the work and noodling I did, for YOU, the reader.

Secondly, it has to be stated the book you are holding is ANOTHER record-breaking issue. Why is that? Because every issue after Spawn 301 (the original record-breaker), is a new record. So, for the rest of my life, every new issue of Spawn is upping the record by one. If I get a little sassy, maybe I'll even put 'World-Record' on every cover from here on out.

In the next few issues, you'll see two storylines; a main storyline and a backstory. The backstories will be developing more details and give the reader a better understanding of what's been happening behind the scenes of the main story line

Finally, thanks to everyone for following this journey from issue one to now, issue 303. I've said it and I'll say it again...the best is YET to come!

TODD



NEXT ISSUE

Hell Hunt part 3. Spawn continues to assemble his team of hell hunters. Question is, who's more reluctant to work together Spawn, or his growing party of hunters?

NIGHT TERROR
SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE SHE'S GOING OR WHY, BUT SOMETHING IS COMPELLING JESSICA PRIEST TO RIDE RIDE AS HARD AS SHE CAN
OR MAYBE SHE ISN'T GOING TOWARDS ANYTHING. MAYBE SHE'S FLEEING BECAUSE MINUTES EARLIER SHE FOUND A FRIEND SLAUGHTERED BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT
SHE ALSO INADVERTENTLY TRIGGERED SOMETHING THAT HAS NOW TAKEN POSSESSION OF HER BODY, TRANSFORMING HER INTO
SHE-SPAWN

KRAKK
•Issue 300 • Todd

THEN IT HAPPENS... JUST AS SHE'S ABOUT TO BLACK OUT, THERE APPEARS A CREATURE SO LARGE IT BLOTS OUT THE MOON, SHIFTING BACK AND FORTH LIKE A COBRA READY TO STRIKE.

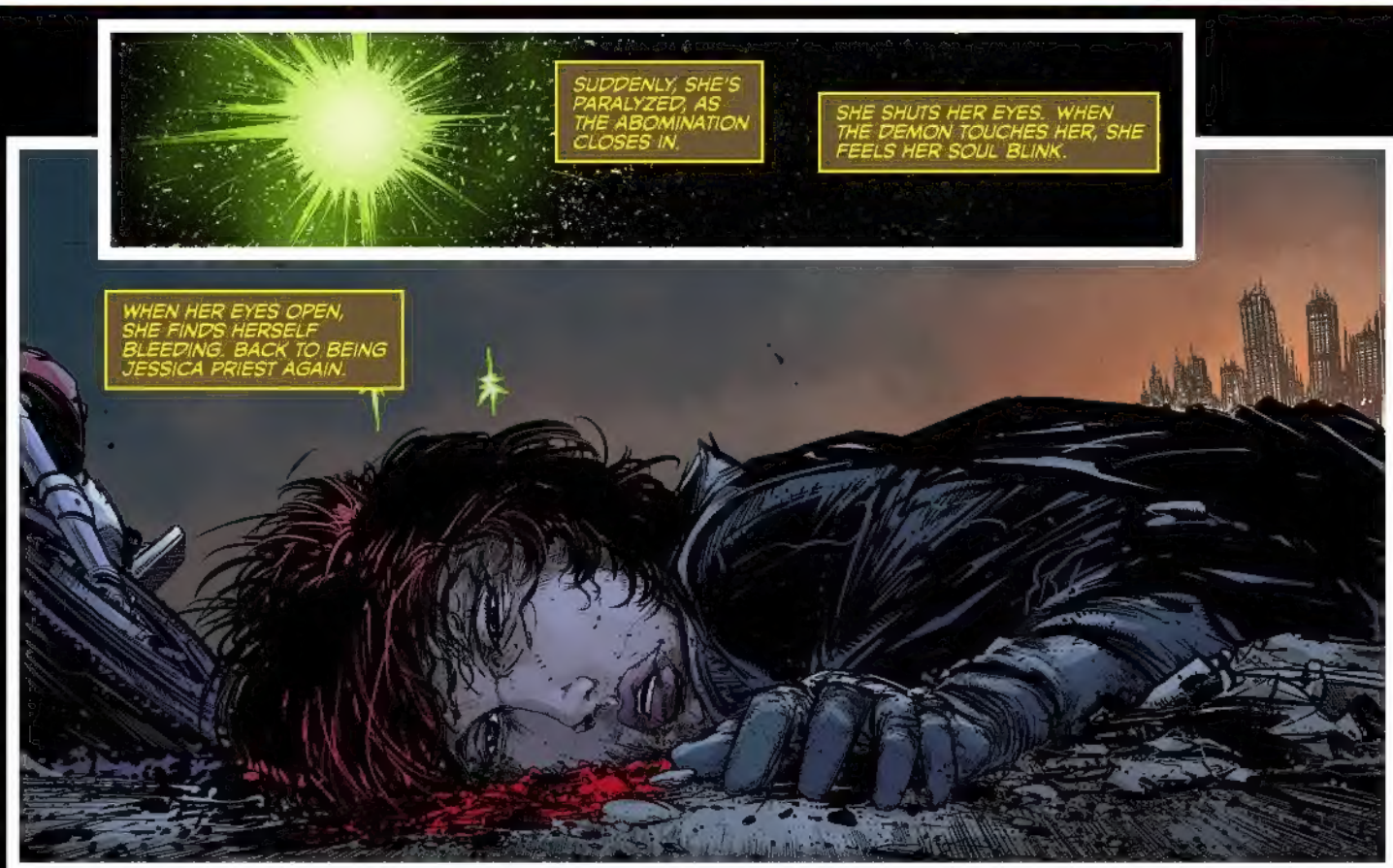
BUT JESSICA GETS TO HER FEET, FACING THE CREATURE WITH A CALMNESS THAT FEELS ODDLY SURREAL.

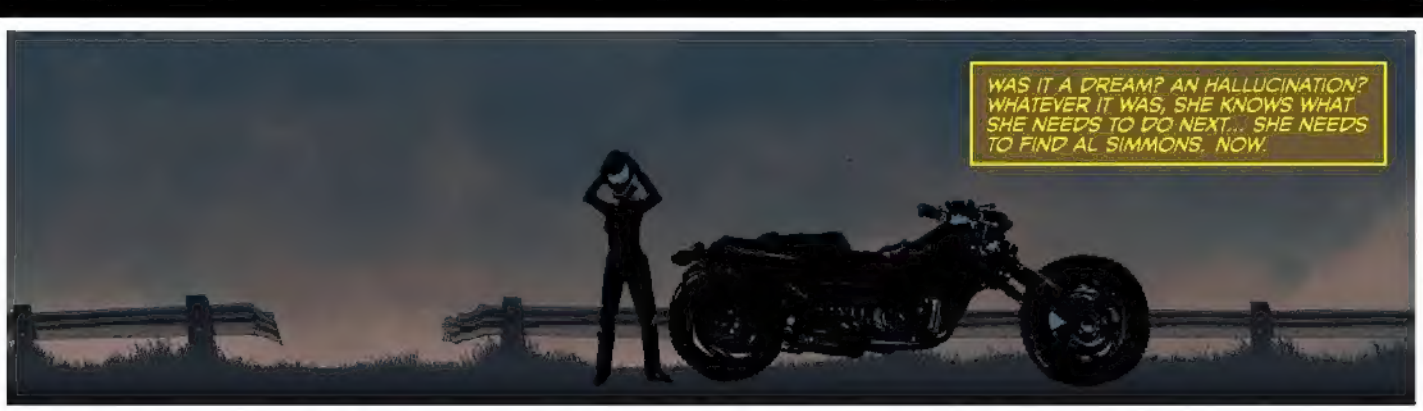
YOUR POWERS-- THE ONES YOU STOLE-- THEY AREN'T YOURS. THEY BELONG TO HELL! THEY'RE OURS!

THEY'RE NOT MEANT FOR YOUR KIND!

RENOUNCE THEM!

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE FOR ALL OF US. BECAUSE YOUR SPAWN AWOKE A POWER GREATER THAN HEAVEN OR HELL. AND THAT POWER WILL DESTROY EVERYONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO RESIST.


SUDDENLY, SHE'S PARALYZED, AS THE ABOMINATION CLOSES IN.
SHE SHUTS HER EYES. WHEN THE DEMON TOUCHES HER, SHE FEELS HER SOUL BLINK.
WHEN HER EYES OPEN, SHE FINDS HERSELF BLEEDING. BACK TO BEING JESSICA PRIEST AGAIN.


WAS IT A DREAM? AN HALLUCINATION? WHATEVER IT WAS, SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE NEEDS TO DO NEXT... SHE NEEDS TO FIND AL SIMMONS. NOW.

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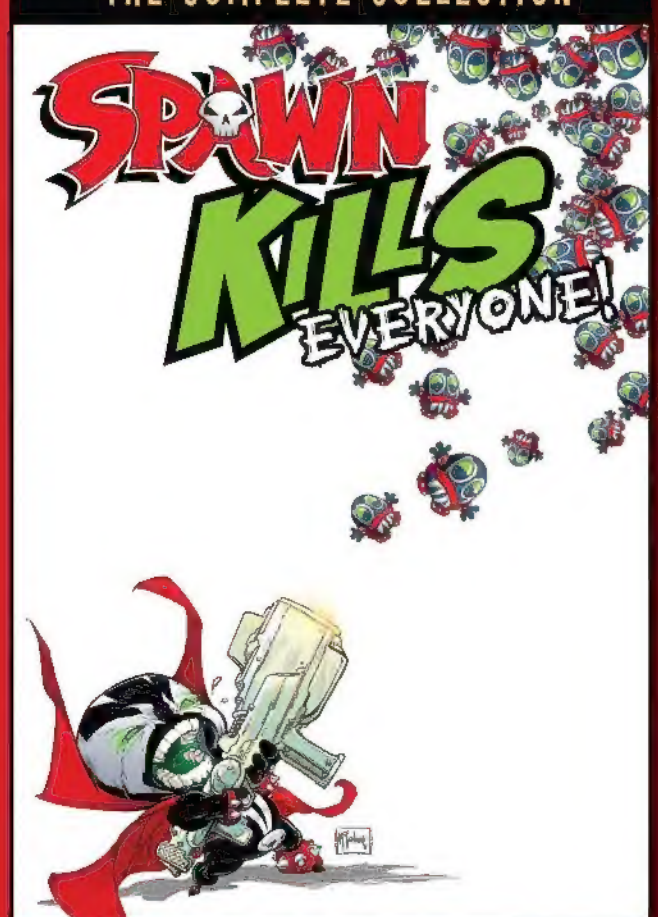
COLLECTING SPAWN 1-6

THE COMPLETE COLLECTION



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